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HONORING THE "OLD ROMAN"

Admiring Fellow-Citizens Adopt Strong Resolutions Praying for Early Recovery of Bishop Turner.

Atlanta, Ga., Special—The Emancipation Proclamation was celebrated at Shiloh A. M. E. church by the citizens and seven lodges of the I. O. of G. M. and W., in America. Rev. J. S. Flipper, D. D., pastor of St. Paul A. M. E. church delivered the oration, much to the satisfaction of all. Rev. L. A. Townsley, pastor of Shiloh, introduced the speaker in a very intelligent and befitting speech which was enjoyed by all. The Atlanta Dixie Band furnished the music, and the "Star Spangled Banner" was played just before the orator began his masterly speech, Capt. M. H. Bentley delivered a pointed speech in behalf of the old ex-slave citizens. Rev. J. H. Hilson, P. E., of the Monticello District gave some touching points in a very brief speech. The band played a brief air. Upon the suggestion of Capt. M. H. Bentley the following resolutions were adopted: In consideration of the great usefulness of Rt. Rev. H. M. Turner, D. D., LL. D., presiding Bishop of the 6th Episcopal District comprising the States of Georgia and Alabama, and whereas, we, the great empire state of the South, in due recognition of this day set apart forever by us as a day of joy and gladness. And whereas, in the wise providence of God one of the great pioneers of Georgia and leaders of the Negro race has been taken from us and confined to his room, and, whereas he, the Rt. Rev. H. M. Turner was stricken with a partial stroke of paralysis whilst engaged in holding the Georgia Conference at Savannah, and, whereas the stroke is continued and we are deprived of his presence and his counseling words on such an important occasion; we do condole with him in these hours of his confinement; therefore, be it resolved, that we extend to him our sympathies in order to cherish him and let him know that he is still in the minds and hearts of his fellow laborers and countrymen. Be it further resolved that we pledge ourselves that we pray for him continually, and if in the providence of God he is restored to health again, that he will continue his daring fight for the race, God and nations more vigorously than ever. Signed.—Capt. M. H. Bentley, Revs. J. S. Flipper, D. D., J. H. Hilson, P. E., J. T. Wilkerson, W. G. F. S. Daniel Farley, L. A. Townsley, secretary. The New Year was ushered in delightfully



BISHOP HENRY M. TURNER.

Stricken with Paralysis, this Constant and Sturdy Champion of Negro Manhood and the Liberties of the People, lies at his Home in Atlanta, Ga. A Grateful Race Prays for his Speedy Recovery.

at Atlanta, Ga., by the Young Men's West Side Social Club which gave a "Fancy Dress Ball" at their hospitable club rooms. This includes the debutantes of the season. The apartments were tastefully decorated with holly and mistletoe, and the tables were handsomely adorned with rosebuds and other choice flowers from Atlanta greenhouses. And when the lovely girls in their ball toilets joined in the dance the scene was one very suggestive of fairyland dancing began promptly at 9 o'clock and continued until a late hour. There was intermission for an elaborate supper served by well known caterers. Among the many friends who gathered to enjoy the hospitality of the happy occasion were Misses Gertrude Hatfield, Katie Calhoun, Annie Wimbish, Rosy Nichols, Virginia Thomas, Henrietta Humphrey, Jannie Clinton, Susie Bell, Nora Bell, Maude Lee, Eldora Jones, Rosy Dickson, Mary Jackson, Pauline Harrie, Wannie Smith, Messrs. Jettie Keith, Archie Smith, Samuel Nichols, Simon Humphrey, Charlie Thomas, George Strong, Will Lane, Edward Mathews, Melvin Hatfield, Jack Simmons, John Holiday, Willie Johnson,

Rogers Belle, Emmet Davis, Frank Jackson, Tom Ruff, Louis Varnes, West Spivey, Charlie Allen; Edward Mathews. The members of whom this club is composed, are some of the most refined, cultured young ladies and gentlemen in the state, all of whom are admirers and readers of The Colored American or anything for the uplifting of the race. Politics in the State of Georgia among republicans is livening up to fever heat just now among the aspirants for delegates to the Republican National Convention which convenes in Philadelphia in June. Some of the most prominent men in the South are mentioned and are actually in the race. The list is one of unusual strength and solidity, as will be readily seen at a glance from the names that appear below, some of whom are mentioned for the state at large; Hons. J. W. Lyons, H. A. Rucker, W. H. Johnson, H. L. Johnson, R. D. Locke, Prof. R. R. Wright, Hon. J. H. Devesux, Mr. J. Q. Gassett. From the 5th Congressional District: Capt. C. C. Wimbish, Prof. A. Graves, Col. A. M. Hill, Hon. E. D. Blodgett, Mr. I. Wheeler, Mr. H. D. Bush. Any selection from the above list by the republicans of this state can hardly be a mistake as they are men of ability, integrity and large experience.

OUT IN WEST VIRGINIA.

A News-Gathering Native Tells of the Activities and Achievements of Afro-Americans in the Hilly State.

Clarksburg, W. Va., Special.

We are proud of the privilege of introducing The Colored American to Clarksburg residents, and we can safely say that they will always find interesting and instructive news in its columns pertaining to the race and including all the live topics of the hour. Rev. Owens, presiding elder of this district, preached to large congregations in the Water Street church Sunday. Rev. Howard of the Baptist church is working hard for a new edifice. Rev. Morris of the A. M. E. church is spending the week in Weston. Rev. Watson of the Water Street church announces the expected return next month of Mrs. Brown, the Washington evangelist. Prof. G. H. Guss, is one of the ablest, most efficient and conscientious principal who has ever had charge of the Clarksburg school, and while he is undoubtedly appreciated for his true worth by citizens generally, he should receive more united support in his efforts to secure a new and modern building in place of the present dilapidated structure, which is wholly inadequate to meet the demands of the present because of lack of room, poor light and ventilation.

The grocery business conducted by Mr. M. W. Grayson, is an unanswerable refutation of the assertion often heard that "the Afro-American business man cannot succeed unless patronized by the members of his own race." Mr. Grayson's well-stocked store is patronized almost exclusively by white customers. There are a number of successful colored business men here. Among the more prominent being Mr. C. D. Ogden, who owns and operates a large planing mill; Mr. Walter Sedwick, who owns probably the largest and best livery stable in town; Mr. C. W. Thomas, who is another successful grocer, and Mr. William Wilkinson, who does an immense business as a contractor and builder. Mr. Wilkinson is also a member of the city council. Mr. Frank Smith owns a well patronized restaurant and Mr. Thomas Wellman operates a very popular barber shop for white customers. Dr. Frank Henderson, who has been practicing here for the past five months, is meet-

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